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Attorney Docket No. SST-02

First Inventor or Application Identifier William W. Cimino

Title Protective Sheath and Method for Ultrasonic Probes

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## CONTINUATION APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)

**BOX PATENT APPLICATION Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

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This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b) of Serial No. 09/191,807, filed on November 13, 1998 entitled PROTECTIVE SHEATH AND METHOD FOR ULTRASONIC PROBES by the following inventor(s):

Full Name	Family Name	First Given Name	Second Given Name
<b>Of</b> Inventor	Cimino	William	W
Résidence	City	State or Foreign Country	Country of Citizenship
& Citizenship	Louisville	Colorado	USA
Post Office	Post Office Address	City	State & Zip Code/Country
Address	578 W. Sagebrush Court	Louisville	CO 80027/USA

- Enclosed is a copy of the prior application; including the specification, claims, drawings, oath or declaration  $\boxtimes$ showing the applicant's signature, and any amendments referred to in the oath or declaration filed to complete the prior application. (It is noted that no amendments referred to in the oath or declaration filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter therein.) The continuing application is as follows: 10 pages of specification, 11 claims, 1 pages of abstract, 2 sheets of drawings, and 2 pages of oath or declaration.
- The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered  $\boxtimes$ as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
- Cancel original claims of this application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim 2. must be retained for filing purposes.)
- $\boxtimes$ 3. The filing fee is calculated below:

## **CLAIMS AS FILED**

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		Small entity status is claimed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.27.
4.		Payment of fees:
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The state of the s	Ji	"This application is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/191,807, filed November 13, 1998, which application(s) are incorporated herein by reference."
[i] ∂.	$\boxtimes$	A set of formal drawings (2 sheets) is enclosed.
		Priority of application Serial No., filed on in, is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.
The Last		The certified copy has been filed in prior application Serial No., filed.
9.1		The prior application is assigned of record to located at .
10.	. 🛛	The Power of Attorney in the prior application is to: Dorsey & Whitney, 370 17th Street, #4400, Denver, Colorado 80202.
11.		A preliminary amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)
		Fee for excess claims is attached.
12.		A petition and fee has been filed to extend the term in the prior application until. A copy of the petition for extension of time in the prior application is attached.
13.		The inventor(s) in this application are less than those named in the prior application and it is requested that the following inventors identified above for the prior application be deleted:
14.	П	A Nonpublication Request under 37 CFR 1.213(a) is enclosed.

Address all future communications to the Attention of Thomas H. Young (may only be completed by attorney or agent of record) at the address below.

A return postcard is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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